

**Subject: FW: Urgent - new evacuation**

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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST

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> From: James Ridge  
> Sent: Friday, January 21, 2005 6:58 PM  
> To: Mayor and Council - DNV  
> Cc: Senior Management Committee  
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> I have just ordered a further evacuation of ten homes on Swinburne  
> (off Riverside) and on Riverside. This is a preventative measure while  
> we effect emergency repairs to a very steep, tiered yard at 1593  
> Lennox. The evacuated houses are below the yard being repaired.  
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> Several hours ago staff discovered obviously fresh cracks in the turf  
> of the top tier. The yard consists of a series of 6-8 foot dropping  
> terraces supported by tall retaining walls. The upper retaining wall  
> is roughly an 8 foot high cinderblock wall that has seen makeshift  
> repairs the lower retaining wall (on which the first is supported)  
> consisted of rotted and buckling railway tie retaining wall. This all  
> is immediately on a slope of roughly 45 degrees.  
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> District crews, with the consent of the owner, and under the  
> supervision of a geotechnical engineer, are making emergency  
> interventions to reduce the load on the walls, reinforce the retaining  
> wall, and cover the work to reduce further saturation. It is remotely  
> possible that the wall could fail before the repairs are undertaken,  
> so as a precaution we are ordering the evacuation.  
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> North Shore Rescue volunteers will be delivering a notice from me in  
> the next hour explaining the action to surrounding residents (who are  
> not evacuated). As well we will be notifying the media shortly and  
> sending a media liaison person (Colleen) on site.  
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> More to follow  
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